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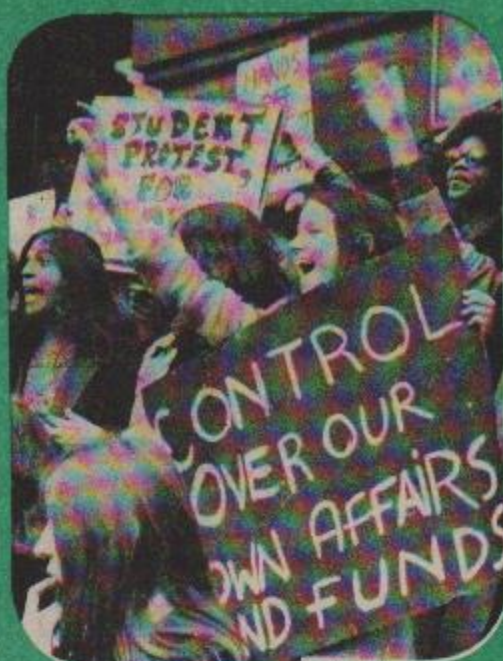
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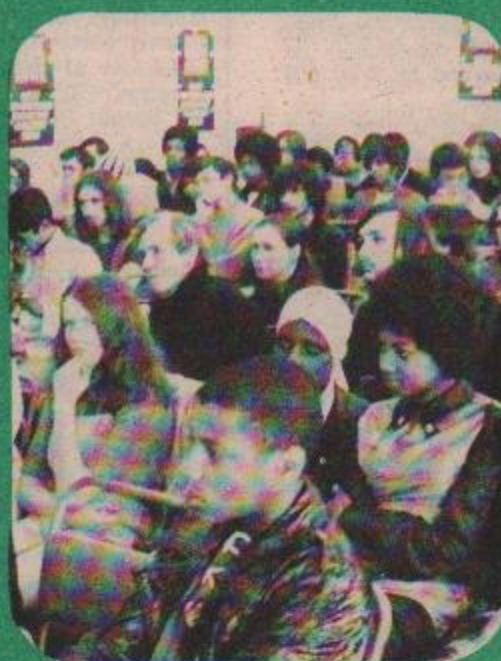
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YOUNG SOCIALISTS WINTER CAMPAIGN

A statement from the
YS National Committee

GO ALL OUT TO MAKE THE TORIES RESIGN

THE Young Socialists are to hold a national Right-to-Work march in February next year. It will start from Glasgow and end at Wembley Empire Pool, London with a mass rally.

The march will be made up of unemployed youth and YS supporters. Their aim will be to unite all sections of the working class in a huge campaign to force the Tories to resign.

The National Committee of the Young Socialists says the campaign will be part of a national drive to build YS branches.

John Simmance, national secretary said: 'There is almost complete agreement between the trade union leaders and the Tory government on state control of wages.

'This leaves the working class in a dangerous position, because what the government is planning is a corporate state. But the working class can defeat this strategy if it is given the leadership.'

The YS campaign is to include regional conferences, weekend schools, student society meetings and a national football competition.

Plans are also being made for a big attendance at the

annual meeting of Keep Left on Saturday January 6, 1973. The AGM will feature a national speaking contest and will discuss plans for expansion of the weekly paper.

In the coming months YS branches throughout the country will be engaged in the recruitment campaign. Programmes will include discotheques, meetings, and social events.

Every regional committee will be holding a regional conference in preparation for the National YS conference to be held next year in Blackpool on April 11 and 12.

Young Socialist Student

Societies will also be holding a national conference on Saturday November 18 in London. YS student societies are being set up in universities and colleges throughout the country.

A new film which will soon be shown in all areas is the Right-to-Work film shot during the five marches earlier this year.

Special showings of the film are being arranged by YS branches.

The Young Socialists appeal to all youth to join them and take their place in the fight against Toryism.

North West Young Socialists have a full regional programme

News from North West

MANCHESTER Young Socialists are forming a new branch this week in the Ardwick area of the city.

Thousands of tenants here have refused to pay the £1 increases and YS policies got an enormous response at the huge Fort Ardwick estate.

Salford Young Socialists sold over 60 copies of Keep Left during the lunch break at the local technical college.

Plans have been made to hold a meeting and set up a branch of the Young Socialists Students Society.

At Preston over 100 youth turned up for a dance organized by the local YS. It was held on the Larches Council Estate with the group 'Hard Cash' performing.

Young Socialists in the Preston federation have drawn up plans to form new branches in Chorley and Blackburn.

Birkenhead YS has got off to a good start following the successful weekend school in Chester. The branch is to hold a fortnightly discotheque with darts and billiards.

At Liverpool University we received 25 applications to join the YSSS.

Also this week the North West football league starts with teams from all branches. Kirkby YS, the runners up in the recent sports day have been preparing hard for the league and intend to win.

In Toxteth — the scene of recent fighting—the YS will be holding a regular monthly dance. A weekly discotheque on Sundays is planned by Winsford Young Socialists.

Skelsmersdale, like Winsford, is one of Liverpool's new towns which promised jobs, and housing. Unemployment in the area as a whole is now running at over 8 per cent.

Another Weekend School and a Right-to-Work rally is planned for November. The new YS film will be shown at the rally.



North West YS members on their Right-to-Work march earlier this year.

London Young Socialists campaign

YOUNG Socialist members in the London Region are launching a campaign to extend their present branches and build new ones in every area.

The recent meeting of the YS London Regional Committee decided unanimously immediately to prepare a broad-based social programme of discotheques and social events throughout the autumn and winter as part of their campaign.

Central to it would be the training of new youth leaders in preparation for launching of the revolutionary party in 1973.

Climax of the social programme will be the London YS bazaar on November 25 and a pop concert in December.

'So far,' reported London YS secretary, Sarah Hannigan, 'past favourites of YS concerts — "McGuinness Flint", the rock group "Fumble" and Ram John

Holder — have agreed to play.'

Preparations for the biggest ever YS bazaar at the Poplar Baths, East London, were under way, she said, but lots more still had to be done to make it a huge success.

The committee also discussed plans to bring delegations from every London YS branch to the All Trades Unions Alliance Conference at Birmingham on October 22.

Student representatives reported big successes with sales of the special Keep Left supplement in their colleges and said the Young Socialists Student Societies had received a big boost.

Another very important part of the committee's agenda was a discussion on the Regional Weekend School to be held in Margate on November 4 and 5.

Targets were agreed in every federation of the numbers they aimed to bring to the school.

ULSTER: The Unionist trap

THE IRISH situation is getting worse. With it are increasing the dangers for the working class—both Catholic and Protestant.

Last week the Ulster Defence Association 'declared war' on the British army.

The following day they were in close talks with army chiefs, men they had been collaborating with over the past few months.

The 'split' between the army and the UDA is no progressive move. Both of them are determined to crush the IRA and impose effective Tory rule on both the Catholic and Protestant workers.

In fact, after the meeting between the two on Tuesday night, Roy Bradford, a former Stormont Cabinet Minister, said: 'The army and the UDA succeeded in re-establishing relations. We can now get down to the job of clearing up misunderstandings.'

William Craig, Ulster Vanguard leader, said he would make the country 'un-governable' if right wing Unionists were not restored to a re-established Stormont. With statements like these the reactionary leadership of the Protestant movement aims to win over a section of workers who they can later use against the majority.

This is the kind of trap which is being set up by the Unionists. The dangers are very serious. It is a matter of life and death that the British working class comes to the assistance of Irish workers in a united fight against the Tory government.

Protestant workers—led by reactionary capitalist leaderships—are being driven towards complete disaster which could involve the whole country in a blood bath.

A new unity has to be forged between the Catholic and Protestant workers under a socialist leadership. This is the only way to avoid the consequences of the new developments.

What we stand for:

A series on aspects of Young Socialists policy

Part eleven:

INTERNATIONALISM

CENTRAL to every article in this series on Young Socialists policy has been the theme of world capitalism's deepening economic crisis.

And this is no accident. Central to the policy of the Young Socialists is an understanding of the urgent need for building a revolutionary working class leadership as outlined by Leon Trotsky in the opening paragraph of the document of the founding conference of the Fourth International:

'The world political situation as a whole is chiefly characterized by a historical crisis of the leadership of the proletariat.'

(The Death Agony of Capitalism and the Tasks of the Fourth International) 1938.

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And Trotsky continued: 'The economic prerequisite for the proletarian revolution has already in general achieved the highest point of fruition that can be reached under capitalism. Mankind's productive forces stagnate. Already new inventions and improvements fail to raise the level of material wealth. Conjunctural crises under the conditions of social crisis of the whole capitalist system inflict ever heavier deprivations and sufferings upon the masses. Growing unemployment, in its turn, deepens the financial crisis of the state and undermines the unstable monetary systems. Democratic regimes, as well as fascist, stagger on from one bankruptcy to another.'

Even more so than before World War II does this description apply to the situation today facing workers and peasants the world over.

And the alternatives before workers and youth are sharp—either the defeat of world capitalism and the victory of socialism or the defeat of the proletariat and a descent into

world war and barbarism.

It is for this reason that the Young Socialists are entirely behind the magnificent struggle of the Vietnamese workers and peasants whose determined war against US imperialism and its puppet regime of South Vietnam has inspired a whole generation of youth today.

In every struggle throughout the world in which workers and youth fight for their liberation and freedom against imperialism the Young Socialists have given their full support.

It is through this struggle in the present period of the worsening crisis of capitalism that colonial workers and peasants and workers in the advanced countries can prepare for their own socialist revolution through the building of revolutionary parties.

In America the determined resistance of Negro youth and whole sections of the working class threatens to throw Nixon's regime into even deeper crisis.

In West Germany workers and youth have once again come forward out of their defeats during World War II to demonstrate their fighting strength.

Determined

In the Middle East, in Ceylon, in Spain, in Africa and South America we have seen workers and young people fight against massive odds determined to resist the attacks of imperialism.

In South Africa too African workers have shown they will not be held down by the racist apartheid regime for much longer.

In all of these struggles internationally the Young Socialists have pointed out that what is involved is the historic task of the oppressed workers and peasants to prepare the way for socialist revolution and the destruction of capitalism and imperialism.

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Portuguese students demonstrate against murder

STUDENTS clashed with police for three days running in Lisbon, Portugal last week following the funeral of a 26-year-old law student who was murdered by security forces.

As the coffin of Jose Antonio Ribero Santos was being taken from his parents' home to the cemetery large

crowds of students protested against his death.

Police charged them and the students replied by hurling stones.

At the cemetery a crowd of 3,000 chanted 'Long Live Liberty' and 'Murderers'.

Heavily armed detachments of police were on hand at the

cemetery but there were no disturbances.

The wave of unrest followed a police swoop on a students' meeting. Fighting broke out and in the scuffle shots were fired killing Santos and wounding another law student.

Twenty people are now detained by security police in Lisbon.

Guerrillas step up war in Africa

By our correspondent

THE GUERRILLA war against Portuguese colonialism in Africa has made big advances in the past six months.

Last week in London a representative of MPLA, the Liberation movement in Mozambique, said that 20 per cent of the country was under the guerrilla army's control.

One third of Angola is free from the Portuguese and so is two thirds of Guinea. In the latter country the PAIGC intends to establish its own popular assembly.

This news comes as no surprise. For over two decades the people in these three countries have struggled for the most elementary existence denied them by Portuguese regime.

'We are being bombed every day, but we also attack the Portuguese position every day,' said the MPLA spokesman.

The best Portuguese ally in Africa, he said, was the South African government.

Rhodesian troops and South African planes had taken part in numerous raids against the guerrillas. Their arms and ammunition was supplied largely by NATO countries — prominent among them Britain.

Without this military assistance the Portuguese would not last another six months.

'Over recent years South Africa has become the spearhead in defence of imperialist interests in Africa.'

Support for the liberation movement, however has been undeniably increasing in the past period.

In Angola, the liberation movement has started military operations on a fourth front in the southern province of Manica.

The PAIGC's government in Guinea is likely to begin soon as an independent body. It will be responsible for administration of the liberated areas.

FRELIMO — the guerrilla movement in Mozambique—has had successes in the Tete province which are causing considerable anxiety among the authorities in South Africa.

According to a recent article in the 'Johannesburg Star' the FRELIMO attack 'poses a threat to the whole of Southern Africa'.

This fear is understandable. For years the Portuguese colonies in Africa have been exploited to the full and its people crushed by the reactionary alliance of various capitalist powers.

The extremely reactionary government of Dr Caetano regards the colonies as its 'overseas provinces'. Consequently the hope of ever winning freedom is legally impossible under the fascist-like constitution of this country.

There are no provisions for an official news service from the Portuguese colonies. The government has tried to stop information about atrocities—the use of napalm and chemicals—reaching newspapers, but without much success.

It is common knowledge that the Portuguese army has been

carrying out much the same tactics as those of the US army in Vietnam.

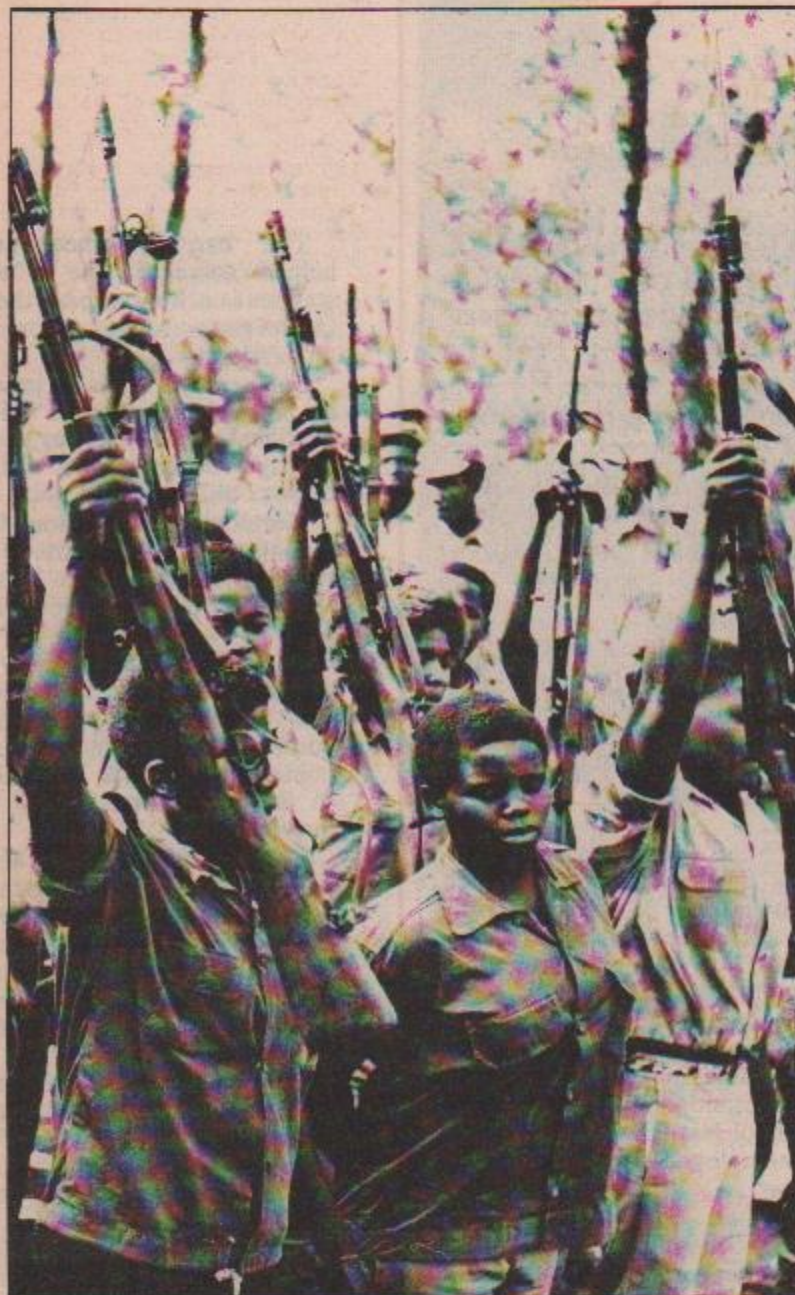
Napalm is frequently used to destroy life and herbicides to destroy all crops and green vegetation.

It has been proved that chemicals for the spray planes came from Britain and the United States.

In most cases they completely destroyed the only source of food for the people. No medical, schooling or general facilities exist at all in the areas from where the Portuguese army has been driven away. Re-building the entire country is in some places the main work of the soldiers.

But now there is a different turn in these colonies. The Portuguese are confined almost solely to the main towns in the three countries. Most of the countryside is under control of the guerrillas.

And support for the liberation movement is spreading even inside Portugal itself. This is particularly true about students at Lisbon university who recently hung portraits of the guerrillas in their college building.



UGANDA soldiers shot dead 35 prisoners during a riot at Mubende in the north west of the country last weekend.

Seven prisoners managed to escape from the army camp — among them the cousin of former President Obote. Meanwhile Amin has ordered Obote to return to Uganda to stand trial on murder charges. If found guilty he will be executed by firing squad.

UNDERGROUND workers at Wankie colliery in South Africa have been on strike for the past week over safety standards. Last June 400

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workers were killed in the mine following a massive underground explosion. A Commission of enquiry into the disaster reported that another explosion could occur if safety recommendations were not carried out.

It was after the commission's report that the miners decided to strike. Three hundred of the 1,200 labour force have resigned altogether.

A Keep Left Interview



THE BBC's studios at Shepherd's Bush in West London are a large and imposing complex of buildings where many people work. Actors here are well paid, but it is a privilege only for the lucky few. Work comes rarely and for short periods.

Then, like most workers in the entertainments industry, they are forced back to unemployment, and the depressing search for jobs which just aren't there.

Two actors who appear in the BBC series 'Z Cars' realized that there was no real future in their job. They were also extremely sceptical about the Tories' new plan for stopping inflation.

P. G. Stevens felt that everything in the BBC was now being geared to the Common Market.

'There will be no more half hour plays. Instead they will

Alfred Fagin

be 45 minutes long. But instead of taking the two weeks that was previously spent making a half hour play, they are now being made in eight days.

'This speed-up creates pressure which is bound to affect actors. If someone at the top is under pressure for money, then the director and the producer will take out their neuroses on the actors.'

'Through inflation, the BBC doesn't have the same kind of money, and the speed-up is being used to save money at the expense of actors. They

Pressure at the top creates speed-up

are the last people to get money.'

He added that the meetings between the TUC and the government were like a mother and father meeting in a parlour, and coming out to say that you should be good little children. 'It will never work', he said.

Alfred Fagin, a West Indian actor, said that there was no price control on the places where they ate. 'There is no price control for us. How do you shop? We have all sorts of fees. They charge what they like.'

'Actors will strike. Those few who are employed don't get enough anyway. Especially amongst West Indian actors, the situation is impossible. I think there are ten or 15 who have work for six months of the year. Very few make enough money to live on.'

If they get a job, they often don't get paid. Once a year you may get a television part. Other than as singers, West Indian actors don't get real

money. That's the older ones. God knows about the younger ones. It must be very difficult.'

Alfred has been unemployed since last March. He couldn't live off acting so he began writing. This was after he had appeared in a very successful play 'Mustapha', by a West Indian playwright.

The play had been booked out and was well received by critics, but Alfred said he knew people who had been in the play who hadn't worked since.

'The days of the "Stars", where a star is discovered and reaches success overnight, are over. Nothing like that is ever going to happen. It is easier to win the pools. Acting is a hard business. You need far more than just to be a good actor.'

'The situation has to change. It cannot go on like this. Of working actors, 75 per cent are below basic wages other than regular stage or television actors. If

you work outside London in provincial theatres, you still have to pay your rent in London. It is impossible to work outside for more than a while.

'The government is not giving enough money to the theatre. Art is very important, but few workers, especially black people are able to afford it. I can't afford to go to the theatre in the West End myself.'

'I don't see much difference between Labour and Tory, although I still vote Labour. But I am sure that the revolution is coming. Young people don't have such fixed ways of thinking. An intellectual revolution is taking place in Britain. The question is to turn it into the real thing—a physical revolution.'

'Everybody knows that things have to change, but not many know that they are part of that change and that they must become conscious of this. They expect someone else to do it for them.'

TYNESIDE, TEESSIDE AND WEARSIDE UNEMPLOYMENT

An on-the-spot report by GARY GURMEET



'I don't go to the dole looking for a job'

WHEN 17-year-old Alan Lovestad goes to the dole office in Sunderland every Thursday it is not in search of a job. He has almost given up all hope of getting work.

But he makes the weekly trip to the ultra modern, multi-storey building to collect his dole money.

His impressions are simple. People at the dole, he says, look downtrodden. They don't have anything to stand on and endless hours on the street corners are demoralizing.

'I don't go to the dole looking for a job, but to collect £3.60p. All I ever got from the Careers office was one form to fill—not even an interview.'

Alan is only one of the thousands of teenagers on the dole in the North East. Thousands of them are school leavers who have been unemployed for well over a year.

When the school gates shut behind the 15 year olds they leave to enter the adult world. Only in their case instead of the 'wide world of opportunity' it is usually confined to a few streets and perhaps the local football pitch.

Tyneside had 4,060 youth under 18 out of work last month. In Wearside the figure was 1,997 and in Teesside it was 2,079.

Sunderland has taken over from Jarrow as far as unemployment is concerned. It has by far the highest concentration of unemployed in the area—almost 10,000—of whom more than 2,300 are youth under 18.

Two weeks ago there was a total of 100 vacancies for the youth!

Small wonder therefore that Robert Hudson, the town's principal careers officer recently described the situation as the worst in his experience.

Last month over 1,300 boys were registered unemployed and 96 vacancies were available. Of the 833 girls registered only 24 could be placed in jobs of any description. The rest could find nothing.

The careers office had helped some of the youth stay on at school to pass their 'A' levels and even go on to university.

But, said Mr Hudson, many of them had returned with qualifications—including university degrees—and said they could not find jobs.

'Employment situation for school-leavers on Wearside is equal to, if not worse than, the black days of 1964,' he said.

Education authorities in the area were recently thrown into commotion when the South Shields Trades Council published leaflets entitled 'A School Leaver's Guide to Survival'.

The leaflets, explaining young people's rights to benefits and dole money, were banned from schools and the chairman of the local education committee described them as 'inflammatory'.

The situation is certainly inflammatory. It can be little else when a youth is forced to spend his time in the hopeless atmosphere of being one of the 'unwanted ones'.

The weekly routine is frustrating. On Thursdays in most parts of the North East the gathering points are the various dole queues. During the week it is simply enforced idleness or football games. On Saturdays the meeting grounds are in the high streets, shopping centres and coffee bars.

The high rate of unemployment has also ripped a big hole of insecurity in the few jobs that exist at the moment. These are generally either the temporary ones—the milk-roundsmen, shop assistants, warehousemen—or the apprenticeships in the big factories.

These apprenticeships are no longer the privilege they were. Apprentices at Swan Hunter's shipyards recently took action in support of striking boilermakers showing that they see the necessity to fight alongside adult trade unionists in defence of their jobs and working conditions.

University degrees or school qualifications are not a passport to a job. The latest available figures—for August this year—show 3,600 adult students out of

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work in the north east.

And yet employment officers in Newcastle have taken the hopeless step of sending unemployed youth to local colleges for trade training.

Groups of 20 youth are sent to the colleges for 12-week courses. But, said one 18 year old, 'that is not going to get a job. How can it when there are no jobs going?'

Andy Ranton, 17, is one of those doing the college course.

He said he had accepted the offer because it was something different from going to the dole queue every week. 'Most of the kids hate it. Every time they sign on they have to wait in long queues and it is humiliating.

'It makes you feel as if you haven't got something which other people have. After a few weeks on the dole you may as well be there for ever.'

Joe Lister, 21, comes from a family which has been hit by unemployment. His father was paid off recently from the Middle Docks and he himself has been out of work for over 18 months.

The longest job he ever had was with a television firm which moved from South Shields—where he lives—to Sunderland.

'I can't see why we should have to live like this,' he said. 'There is no hope at all. You try planning from day to day, but it is not worth trying. Most of the youth just become "house hermits" and it destroys them.

'You become angry because nobody is prepared to listen to you.

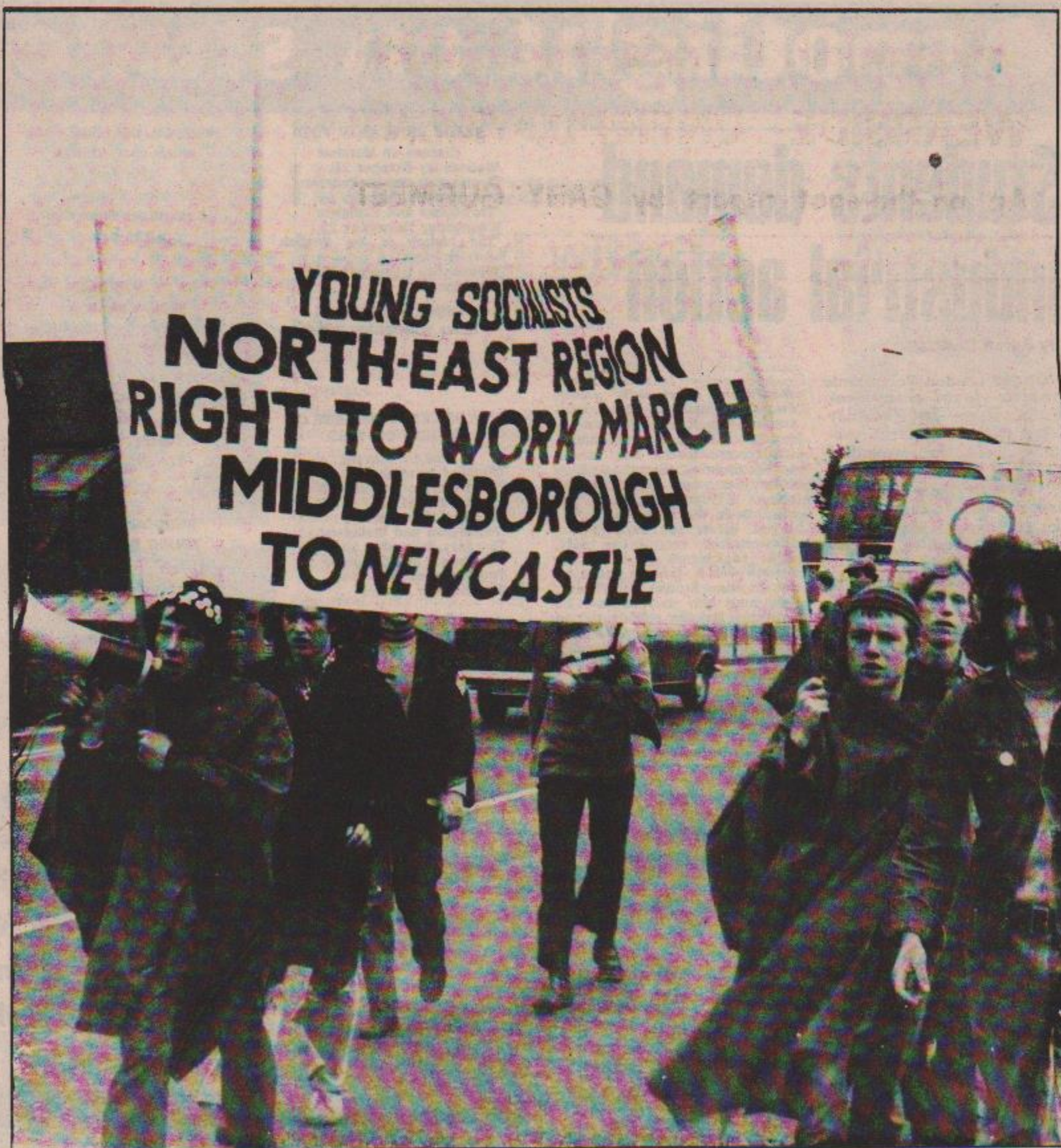
'When the police come to pick you up off the streets it is no use explaining to them that if you had a job you would keep out of trouble.

'A lot of kids I know have tried to get away from the area—but have had to come back. They hitch hiked around looking for work.

'I've been to London three times and every time I came back worse off than I was when I left.'

Stories like these are to be found in thousands. There have also been the extreme cases of frustration, leading to suicide and violence.

But the most promising



sign came last month when the Young Socialist Right-to-Work march gained the support of large numbers of youth throughout the area.

Unemployed youth marched for over 100 miles from Middlesbrough to Newcastle. On the way they campaigned for support from trade unions and the youth.

Dave Jones, leader of the march, said they were not protesting against unemployment.

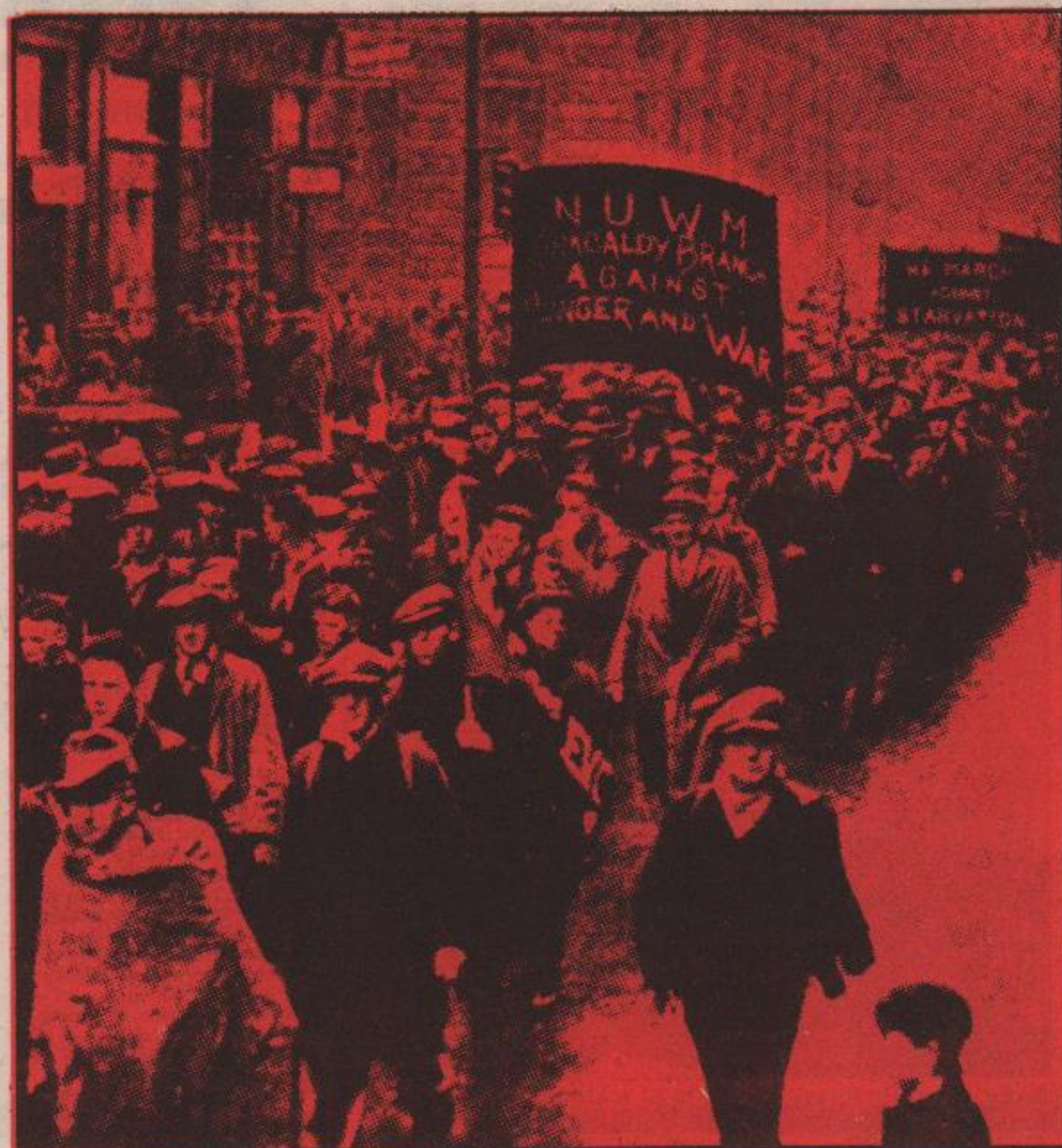
'We are campaigning to get the maximum support for the policy of forcing the Tory government out. We want a Labour government which will nationalize all the bankrupt industries and run them in the interests of the working class.'

Full employment, he said would be impossible under the Tory government because industry was in acute crisis and the jobless rates helped the remaining employers to hit at wages and working conditions.

'The Right-to-Work march showed that youth in the north east are becoming aware of the real problems.

'They are not prepared to stand for the humiliation and poverty any longer.'

Left: Football, practically the only occupation which doesn't cost anything for youth on the dole. Right top: Young Socialists Right-to-Work March got a great reception on its recent campaign throughout the North East. Right bottom: Jarrow Crusade—a reminder of the 1930s; the general feeling amongst young people is 'we won't be driven back to that!'



spotlight on students

Students demand industrial action

By Sarah Hannigan

NORTH London Polytechnic students—in the second week of their sit-in—last Thursday voted to call upon the executive of the technical teachers' union, the ATTI, to support them in their struggle against the suspension of one of the union's leading members in the college.

In spite of opposition from the students' union executive—dominated by the so-called International Socialist group—a general assembly of students at Ladbroke House, Holloway, passed a resolution calling on the union to take industrial action in support of Mr W. J. Jenkins, head of department at the Business Studies section in Camden Town.

The present fight at the Poly has been going on for over a year against the college authorities, in particular the director, Mr Terence Miller.

North London Polytechnic was born on May 1, 1971 with the merger of the former Northern and North Western Polytechnics.

Some time previously it had been decided by the Court of Governors that Miller, an ex-principal of the University College of Rhodesia (and reputed to have strong sympathies with the Rhodesian Smith regime) was to be the new director.

News of Miller's selection provoked a storm of reaction from everyone in the Poly—students and staff alike.

In the Ladbroke House and Holloway Road departments students meetings voted almost unanimously to occupy the buildings in protest. Staff at Ladbroke House decided to strike against the decision and the method of Miller's appointment while staff in other departments also expressed their opposition.

The principal of the North Western Poly resigned giving as his reason the appointment of a reactionary director of a hitherto liberal college.

In spite of all this opposition a governors' meeting in March voted to ratify Miller's appointment.

At the beginning of the autumn term last year the Governors proposed that in future any amendments to the students' union constitution must be ratified by them. This was a direct breach of all former practices and the students rejected it entirely.

In January 1972 they challenged this proposal by passing two amendments to their constitution without asking for ratification. Immediately the union funds were frozen and remain so—meaning that the college authorities are now holding about £45,000 due to the students in the Poly.

Just before the beginning of the summer vacation in July, Miller took a new step. He wrote to Mr W. J. Jenkins, head of the Business Studies department, informing him that because he (Miller) lacked confidence in him, Jenkins would be suspended from duty until it was decided what to do with him.

Students say that Jenkins, a leading member of the Association of Teachers in Technical Institutions, was a consistent opponent of Miller's policies.

It was because of this position that students at the business college voted after their return this term to occupy the premises at Camden Town.

Tories slam the students

THE TORY Press had a field day of student bashing last Friday when reporting the Queen's visit to Stirling University.

A noisy students' demonstration against the presence of this medieval institution of the royalty, gained the wrath of the entire capitalist Press.

One student who had been drinking from a bottle of wine and generously offered the Queen a sip was transformed by the capitalist Press into a 'howling mob of drunken students.'

Home Secretary Robert Carr has called for an investigation and the Special Branch is to tighten up security around Her Majesty.

Some students may see all this as fun and games to provide some light relief from lectures. But powerful class forces are at work, and the Tory government is planning sinister new measures to strengthen the state apparatus against all forms of dissent.

● Students were banned from using the university buildings to hold meetings by the university authorities.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY YSSS
Classes on Marxism
Wednesday October 25:
'Trotskyism and Stalinism'
Wednesday November 8:
'Trotskyism and Stalinism'
Wednesday November 22:
'The history of the English working class'
Wednesday December 6:
'Revisionism'

BRANCH MEETINGS
Every Wednesday, 1 p.m.

CITY OF LEEDS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION YSSS

Marxist classes
Thursday November 2:
'The history of the English working class'
Thursday November 16:
'Trotskyism and Stalinism'
Thursday November 30:
'Trotskyism and Stalinism'
Thursday December 14:
'Revisionism'

Branch Meetings
every Tuesday, 1.00 p.m.

BOOKSTALL
every Tuesday and Friday
12 till 2 p.m.
In Foyes

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY YSSS

Meets every Tuesday
TV Room, 1.00 p.m.
Book Stall
every day 12 to 2 p.m.
near Porters Lodge

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON YSSS

Meets every Thursday 1 p.m.

OXFORD POLYTECHNIC YSSS
Meets every Thursday 8 p.m.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE YSSS
meets every Monday
12th floor
Electrical Engineering
Department Room 1207
6.15 p.m.

LEEDS POLYTECHNIC YSSS
Branch meetings
every Thursday, 12.30 p.m.

SOUTHWARK COLLEGE for FURTHER EDUCATION YSSS
Meets every week
Tuesday 5 p.m.
Common Room

LONDON REGION YOUNG SOCIALIST STUDENT SOCIETIES
A Course of lectures on 'Trotskyism'
Wednesday, October 25
Wednesday, November 1
CONFERENCE ROOM
Central Collegiate Building
2nd Floor
University College
Malet Street
All classes start at 8p.m.
Admission: 10p

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY YOUNG SOCIALISTS SOCIETY

Film Show: 'Adalen 31'
October 9, 7.30 p.m.
Debating Chamber
Students' Union
'The ATUA conference and the fight for revolutionary leadership in the trade unions'.
October 17, 7.30 p.m.
Arts 'B'
'Africa—Reform or Revolution?'
October 25, 1.15 p.m.
Clubs and Socs
'Students and the Revolutionary Party'.
November 1, 1.15 p.m.
Clubs and Socs
Anniversary of the Russian Revolution Film show: Eisenstein's 'October'
November 7, 7.30 p.m.

CLASSES ON MARXISM
every Monday at 7.30 p.m.
(contact YSSS for venue)
'Marxism as the theory of knowledge'.
October 16
'The crisis of capitalism—1'.
October 23
'The crisis of capitalism—2'.
October 30
'The English Revolution'.

Warwick University YSSS
meets every Wednesday, 7.30
Grey Room, Rootes Hall

YOUNG SOCIALISTS STUDENTS CONFERENCE
Saturday November 18
Mechanical Engineering Dept
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Spy network on students

By a Keep Left reporter

RIGHT-WING activity in universities and colleges is on the increase.

Recently Francis Bennion—who brought a private prosecution against Peter Hain—announced his intention to establish a youth movement to spy on left-wing students.

Now the Monday Club has revealed that it has operated a spy network against left wingers for at least the last four years.

But the 'Sherlock Holmes' type of spying is now to become centralized, regular, and the data obviously more accessible to the Special Branch.

The new campaign by the Monday Club was brought to light by students at Aberdeen University. A letter has been circulated to Monday Club members and institutions similar to the Club, throughout the country asking for a supply of information on the IRA, speakers and meetings of left-wing organizations.

With great understatement a spokesman for the National Union of Students said the NUS was 'irritated rather than worried' by the disclosure.

Corin Redgrave speaks at LSE



Actor Corin Redgrave speaking at a London School of Economics YSSS meeting last Monday. The subject of his talk was: 'Why I am a Trotskyist'.

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FILM

Assassination of Trotsky Directed by Joseph Losey

History cannot be tampered with

By a guest reviewer

TODAY many young workers and students are faced with a bleak future under capitalism.

They see a society which gives them at best a perfunctory education and then throws them onto the dole queues or into dead end jobs, yet they want a society that will give them opportunities to develop themselves, to give them a future that is meaningful and enjoyable.

They turn to politics for the first time. They turn to socialism.

Yet there is one question that hangs over them and over many adult workers too. The question is: 'What happened in the Soviet Union?'

The repression, the imprisonments, the deprivations, is that socialism? Were Stalin and his KGB the rightful inheritors of Lenin and the October Revolution of 1917? Was there or is there a socialist alternative to Stalinism?

The answer is of course there was and there is. More than ever before it is vital that young people need to discover the lessons of the past, need to know of Leon Trotsky and the fight of the Left Opposition against the bureaucratic distortions of Stalinism, need to know that proud record of struggle as the key to the future.

Anybody seeing Joseph Losey's film 'The Assassination of Trot-

sky', will see nothing but an absolute distortion of that history. Any film of the assassination must face up to certain questions. Who was Trotsky? What did he represent? Why was he assassinated and by whom?

The answers to all these questions have been previously documented, verified and established.

But Losey presents in answer to the first—an amiable, scholarly dodderer. Dues are paid that he was once the leader of the Russian Revolution with Lenin and the founder of the Red Army, but by 1940 it is the impotent old lion in the person of Richard Burton, living like a retired schoolmaster with his rabbits and his dictaphone, dictating articles to no one it would seem but the empty air.

Reality of course was otherwise. An exile Trotsky certainly was; driven by Stalin out of the Soviet Union, his comrades of the Left Opposition murdered in their thousands and his own son murdered.

But his tireless struggle to expose the lies and distortions of Stalin, to build the Fourth International to replace the counter-revolutionary Third International of Stalin, his tireless fight for revolutionary principle and honesty to build and train an International Marxist leadership in the working class, preserve the continuity of Leninism against all revisers and distorters, this was Trotsky's great achievement in a period when the world over, the working class was suffering the greatest defeats of fascism, recession and slump.

It is Trotsky's Marxist analysis of the degeneration of the Soviet State under the leadership of Stalin that is so vital for youth of today.

It was this struggle and analysis that made Stalin and his bureaucratic murderers fear Trotsky so. And it was for this reason that the GPU assassinated him.

But for Losey the assassination remains an open question. It was not a Stalinist agent who drove an ice pick into Trotsky's skull, but a mixed up neurotic (acted by Alain Delon) trying to find an identity in history.

This is a fundamental distortion. Jason the assassin (real name Mercader) to this day is believed to be living in Moscow, and received the Order of Lenin from Stalin.

In this way Losey wilfully distorts history. And in doing so at a time when history, the true record, is so needed by youth, he assists in giving fresh impetus to all the old lies of the Stalinist machine.

History cannot be tampered with. On questions like this ignorance is no excuse. This film must be condemned by all youth who are looking for the truth.



Our pictures show, far left: Burton as Trotsky and Delon as the assassin in Joseph Losey's film. Above: The real-life Stalinist agents — Ramon Mercader, Trotsky's murderer and his mother, Caridad, an active Stalinist who worked with the Soviet State Security prior to 1940.

Below: Leon Trotsky, leader in the Russian Revolution and founder of the Fourth International.



POST BAG

Reid on modern society

FRESH off a plane from Glasgow on his way to a prize giving at a local school, James Reid dropped into Sheffield University recently to talk about the crisis of modern society.

In a speech laden with moral statements he attempted to woo a large section of student opinion, both left and right.

Introduced by a sympathetic Labourite and an equally sympathetic Tory, Reid, a Communist Party member, proceeded to appeal to the humane and civilized among us.

About unemployment he said no one had the right to tell a fellow human being that he is expendable.

No society that calls itself civilized can hope to exercise such authority, he said.

James Reid's efforts on the Clyde (the 'victory' that made 2,300 jobs expendable) proved conclusively that unemployment will not be alleviated by pressurizing the Tory government.

Reid saw encouraging signs in the protest movements which had developed in the universities in the past few years. He commended the 'magnificent role' of students particularly in their move to see a 'just and socialist' society.

Needless to say he drew no distinctions between the various political organizations active on the campus.

A fight for premises

A SHORT while ago, about a hundred youth stood outside St Christopher's Hall, Thornhill, waiting for the YS disco to start.

But at the last minute the disco was cancelled by the caretaker, leaving all the youth upset and angry.

They said the disco was cancelled 'because it was not confirmed'. So they washed the floor and painted lines, and so therefore the hall was out of use.

Of course the youth kicked up about this, but what could the Young Socialists do? Fight back!—and that's what we did. We fought for the hall. After an hour and a half we finally won the battle, against the police as well.

After the disco we had to wash the floor but the Young Socialists had their disco.

We have to go on fighting for our rights!

Annette Caplin, Thornhill YS, Southampton.



When questioned about his so-called victory Reid categorically stated that the Tory plan had been defeated and there had been no butchery on the Clyde shipyards.

On the question of forcing the Tories to resign Reid said the Clyde workers were not in business to get rid of governments but to preserve employment.

Those who want to turn every immediate struggle into one to change the system, he said, were doing the wrong thing.

This was a reference to the YSSS which has fought consistently in the university for revolutionary politics and were the only ones to intervene in the meeting and counteract the confusion.

There is no need for surprise however, because Reid being a Stalinist wants to de-politicize every struggle the working class enters into.

Tesse Ricketts Sheffield YSSS
John Breck Pitsmoor YS

Trade union organization

I WORK for a music publishing company in the West End of London. The point I want to make is that there is no trade union for people like me in such a small business.

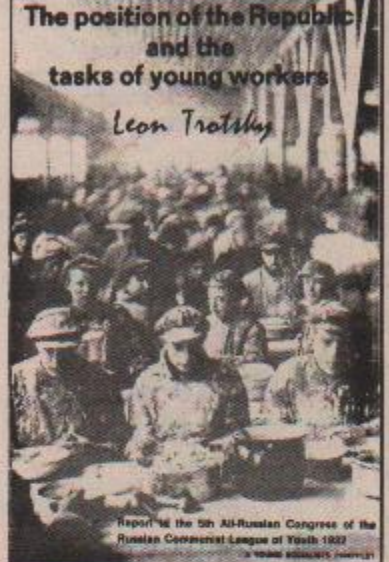
A few years ago an attempt was made to form a trade union but the employers threatened to sack everyone and replace the whole staff. After this threat work returned to normal.

Workers earning a small income were afraid to carry on with the struggle and gave in.

My wage at the age of 18 is £15 a week before tax. I think workers in all the music publishing companies should organize a trade union to unite with other workers against the employers and the Tory government.

Calvin Camden YS

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Renfrew apprentices return to work

By our correspondent

APPRENTICES at Babcock and Wilcox in Renfrew decided last week to return to work and negotiate for a two-stage pay rise.

At a meeting of 100 on Tuesday morning they were told by factory union convener George Grant that the phased offer was a good one.

The decision came only one day after they had voted to strike for their original pay claim of 50 per cent increases in all basic wages of apprentices.

The return to work was based



● Apprentices at Babcock and Wilcox: a two-stage pay offer.

on a new management offer which will be spread over the next eight months.

It includes immediate increases of £1.15 for the first year apprentices, £1.67 for the second year, £4 for the third and £3.80 for the fourth.

The meeting on Tuesday was attended by a large number of fourth year apprentices. George Grant told them that although the offer was not good enough they should go back and negotiate for more money for the first and second year apprentices.

Apprentices at Babcock and Wilcox are among the lowest paid in Scotland. For nine months they have been asking for a meet-

ing with management to discuss wages and working conditions.

Three weeks ago they threatened to strike. And the management made the offer which amounts to about 10 per cent increases in all rates.

Apart from wages the apprentices are also concerned about the conditions of their training and the small chances of a job after completion of the four-year apprenticeship period.

The apprentice committee — which is not recognized by the management — says apprentices are placed with adult workers on the shop floor and expected to reach a required standard under the Measured-Day Work agreement.

YS FOOTBALL



COVENTRY

FIVE TEAMS took part in the football competition organized by Bell Green Young Socialists in Coventry last weekend.

Foxford 'A' was the winner with seven points. Armfield St came second with six points. The other results were: Hillmorton 4, Foxford 'B' 3, River Walk 0.

LONDON

RESULTS
 Sunday October 7
 South East 4, Wandsworth 3
 Southall Bye, Acton —
 West London 4, Tottenham 6
 Clapham 9, Croydon 1
 Sunday October 14
 West London 5, Holloway 6
 Southall 5, Willesden 3
 Clapham 1, South East 4

STOP PRESS

OVER THIRTY students took part in a teach-in organized by the Young Socialists Students Society at the occupied building of North London Polytechnic.

The meeting on Wednesday was addressed by Cliff Slaughter from the Socialist Labour League.

Students at the business studies section of the Polytechnic have occupied the buildings in protest against victimization of the head of department.

● See story page 6.

WHAT'S ON WHERE

- CLAPHAM YS**
 Youth Club
 Every Thursday
 Coronation Hall
 Springfield Estate
 Union Road, SW8
 8 pm adm. 10p
 Sports, records, discussion groups
- TOXTETH YS**
 meets every Thursday
 14 Colquitt St
 Liverpool 8
 8.00 p.m.
- TOXTETH YS**
 Discotheque
 Every Wednesday
 St Finbars Church Hall
 Mill St
 Liverpool 8
 7.30 p.m. adm 10p
- SALFORD YS**
 Discotheque
 Every Thursday
 The Maypole
 Pendleton Church
 Salford
 7.30 p.m. adm 10p
- WINSFORD YS**
 Discotheque
 Every Sunday
 Wheatshaf Hotel
 8 p.m. adm 10p
- BRIXTON YS DISCOS**
 Wednesday November 8
 Wednesday November 29
 St John's Church Hall
 Angell Road, Brixton
 Admission: 10p YS members
 15p non-members
- SOUTHAMPTON**
 Thornhill YS
 meets every Wednesday
 Family Room
 The Star, Hinkler Road
 7.30 p.m.
- PRESTON YS**
 meets every Wednesday
 Foxton Youth Club
 Avenham Lane
 8 p.m.

- RENFREW YS**
 Meets every Thursday
 Labour Party rooms
 High Street
 Renfrew
 8.00 p.m.
- GORBALS YS**
 Meets every Wednesday
 Adelphi St School
 Gorbals
 8.00 p.m.
- LEICESTER FEDERATION YS**
 Branch meetings at:
 Highfields
 every Wednesday
 26 Saxby St, 8 p.m.
 Belgrave
 every Wednesday
 The Jubilee, 8 p.m.
 Southfields
 Every Thursday
 Southfields Library, 8 p.m.
- CORBY YS**
 meets every Wednesday
 Civic Centre, 8 p.m.
- SWANSEA YS**
 Meets every Wednesday
 Oxford St School
 Oxford Street
 7.30 p.m.
- ERDINGTON YS**
 (Birmingham)
 Discotheque
 Every Thursday
 Baptist Church Hall
 (near 'Six Ways')
 Admission: 15p
- LONDON AND KENT YS**
 'Weekend School'
 Saturday and Sunday
 November 4, 5
 Lausanne County
 Secondary School
 Addington Street
 Margate
 Starts 2.30 p.m.
- DISCOTHEQUE**
 8 p.m. Saturday
 Nayland Rock Hotel
 Canterbury Road

- WOLVERHAMPTON YS**
 Meets every Tuesday
 'Lewisham Arms'
 Park Village
- NEW ADDINGTON YS**
 Every Sunday 2.30 p.m.
 Five-a-side football
 Mline Park, New Addington
- DEPTFORD YS**
 Meeting every
 Tuesday, 8 p.m.
 'Hap of Erin'
 New King Street
 (Top of Deptford High Street)
- PRESTON LARCHES YS**
 Youth Club
 Every Friday
 St Peter and Paul's
 Park Avenue
 7.30-10.00 p.m.
 Adm: 5p Records
- AVENHAM YS**
 Youth Club
 every Monday
 7.30-10.00 p.m.
 Foxton Youth Centre
 Adm: 5p Records
- E OXFORD YS**
 Meets every Tuesday 8 p.m.
 at Cape of Good Hope

- SE LONDON YS**
 Federation Meeting
 Wednesday November 1
 Tenants Hall
 Hilton House
 St Norberts Road
 Honor Oak Estate, SE4
 8 p.m.
- CLAPHAM YS DISCOTHEQUE**
 Wednesday October 25
 St John's Church Hall
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